

----- Message from Pinar Tashman <pinar@heritagewindows.com> on Thu, 17 Mar 2011 19:29:46 +0000  
-----

**To:** "mostefficient@energystar.gov"  
<mostefficient@energystar.gov>

**Subject:** [Filter Test: C13] Top Tier Program

Hello

As a manufacturer of highly energy efficient aluminum windows and doors, one of the criteria I truly believe belongs in this "top tier" category needs to be SUSTAINABILITY. Energy Star products need to be efficient but also sustainable and non-polluting. For example; thermally broken aluminum windows and doors are nominally less energy efficient versus vinyl windows and doors, but are completely sustainable and non-polluting.

Vinyl, an oil based product is not recyclable, off gases and has a short life span due to warping. Versus aluminum which is slightly less energy efficient, but contains at least 50% recycle content, has a long life span and never goes to landfill and in the case of a fire will not off gas and kill people.

As a program of the EPA and Department of Energy, Energy Star needs to take these kinds of benefits into account. These are the long term things that will be of the greatest benefit to the American people.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our opinions.

Sincerely,

Pinar Tashman Korzay  
Sales and Marketing  
Heritage Windows and Doors  
1503 W. San Pedro Street  
Gilbert, AZ 85233  
480 892 2600 office  
480 216 3771 mobile  
[www.heritagewindows.com](http://www.heritagewindows.com)